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## CHAMBER CALLS FOR REPEAL OF R. F. & P. LAW

Resolution Adopted and Committee Named to Appear Before General Assembly.

### ELECT DABNEY AND DUNLOP

Repeal of Compulsory Pilotage Law Urged—Plan for New Court Indorsed.

Accepting without debate the plan suggested in a spirit of compromise and harmony by the committee on conference, the Chamber of Commerce last night elected Mr. William T. Dabney business manager and Mr. R. A. Dunlop secretary. Mr. John H. Montague was chosen for another term as treasurer. The meeting was in the nature of a love feast, the opinion being general that the new machinery would accomplish much for the welfare of the business interests of the city. Mr. Dabney will retire from the Chamber of Commerce, where he has been a prominent figure, to devote his time and efforts to the chamber. All amendments for changes in the charter were deferred until January 25th.

### To Destroy R. F. & P. Monopoly.

To the surprise of many who had anticipated a warm discussion, the resolution offered by Mr. T. Peyton Giles, advocating the repeal of the statute which gives the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad a monopoly between this city and the national capital, was passed with but two dissenting votes. There were calls for the question as soon as the reading of the resolution had been concluded. Colonel John B. Purcell and Mr. E. T. D. Myers alone opposing it. Later in the evening President F. D. Williams appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. Giles as chairman, and Messrs. John Landstreet, H. W. Rountree, O. Herbert Funsten and A. Biernie Blair, to present the matter to the Legislature for the most favorable consideration. The full text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas there are now pending in the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia bills providing for the repeal of section 12 of the 'Act Concerning Railroads' (which became a law on October 24th of Nov. 1903) prohibiting the construction of any railroad parallel to the line of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad; and whereas the construction of other railroads between Richmond and Washington, or to other points in Northern Virginia, would be greatly to the detriment of the city of Richmond and of the entire State; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Richmond that section 12 of the 'Act Concerning Railroads' above mentioned should be repealed.

"Resolved, further, That the members of the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia from the city of Richmond are hereby requested to support said bills for the repeal of said law, and to do all in their power to secure the passage thereof.

"Resolved, further, That a special committee of five members of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed by the president to appear before the committee of the Senate and House of Delegates when said bills are taken up for hearing, and to advocate the passage thereof, and to do any other act which, in their opinion, may be proper to promote the passage of said bills and the repeal of said law."

### Wants Pilotage Law Repealed.

Fifteen minutes after this action was taken Captain John A. Curtis offered a resolution asking the chamber's indorsement of the bill to repeal the compulsory pilotage law, but there was vigorous opposition on the part of Secretary Dunlop, his argument being that it was dangerous for the body to establish a precedent of this character when it had not considered the measure. Captain Curtis came back, however, with a warm rejoinder to the effect that the repeal of the law was in their opinion, may be proper to promote the passage of said bills and the repeal of said law."

### Other Proceedings Tame.

The earlier proceedings, when the Dabney-Dunlop matter was before the house, were tame to a degree, compared with the stormy scenes of a week ago. At the very beginning Mr. W. H.

### What Chamber of Commerce Did

Elected William T. Dabney business manager, R. A. Dunlop secretary, and John H. Montague treasurer.

Deferred consideration of charter amendments until January 25th.

Adopted resolutions urging repeal of Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad monopoly.

Indorsed bill for repeal of compulsory pilotage.

Indorsed bill to create new civil court for Richmond.

Wood presented the name of Mr. Dabney for business manager, and then withdrew his name as a candidate for secretary, nominating Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., nominated Mr. Montague for treasurer. The unanimous vote was cast for the three. The officers spoke briefly by way of thanks. Mr. Dunlop said that his position had not been understood by the public, and that the arrangement by which he was to be made statistician and treasurer would not have been satisfactory to him, inasmuch as it would have detracted from his position as secretary. He intimated strongly that if he had been elected he would not have served. He congratulated all, however, on the fact that the differences had been healed.

When Mr. Dabney was escorted to the front he thanked the chamber for the honor. He said that to be lifted from the humble walks of life, where he had been identified to a limited degree with the mercantile world, and placed in a position as an officer of the Chamber of Commerce, was a goal that he could hardly have hoped to reach. There was little, he said, to be accomplished without the hearty aid of the members, but with their support he believed he could measure up to the requirements of an office which had come to him unsolicited.

### New Board of Directors.

There was a difference of opinion as to the manner and method of naming the Board of Directors. This, however, was settled by the appointment of a committee on nominations, consisting of six members, Messrs. Freeman, Wood, Miller, Read, Purcell and Bove, which brought in the names of twenty-five members, who were elected. The new board is composed of the following: Hugh Arntin, Charles G. Boshier, John Stewart Bryan, T. Francis Green, W. W. Hardwick, E. C. Laird, John L. McGuire, M. Williams, Chamberlain Wortham, James W. Young, M. C. Branch, W. T. Read, W. S. Craik, Julian Binford, J. W. Ralston, Jr., T. M. Carrington, J. Scott Parrish, S. M. Fry, R. M. Gathway, Peyton T. Giles, Charles E. Borden, R. S. Christian, Thomas B. Wheelwright and W. R. Meredith.

### Some Other Matters.

Amendments to the charter of the organization related to the increased assessment of members, and required the election of officers by the board of directors, making charter provision likewise for the creation of a business manager and defining his duties. This was thought best, however, to consider these matters at a called meeting, to be held later.

The advertising committee submitted its report, showing the good results accomplished by heralding the advantages of Richmond to the world. Mr. Cary Ellis Stern asked the indorsement of a bill to create a new civil court for the city to relieve Justice Crutcher of his Friday docket, which indorsement the chamber gave.

### Will Not Accept.

Mr. E. E. Spatz, of Brunswick, who was recently appointed fertilizer inspector for the Fourth Congressional District, has announced that he will not accept the position. In view of the fact, the Board of Agriculture will have to name some one else.

## OBSERVE SIMPLE RULES AND PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GRIP

"Although there were only sixty-five cases of contagious diseases reported on the 1st of January," said Chief Health Officer Levy yesterday, "grip seems to be epidemic, and with numerous pneumonia cases it is well for the people to exercise the utmost care as a means of protection. There are many simple rules which ought to be observed."

In the Board of Health Bulletin, which will be issued in a few days, Dr. Levy will show the best means of guarding against the disease. "Fresh air and proper ventilation are very important," he says. "A person should keep warm, but not too much so, at the same time protecting his chest against draughts. Regularity of one's habits is very important. The people should get as much fresh air as possible, and exercise always that it is essential that they breathe through the nose."

No record can be accurately kept of grip cases. They are everywhere, and being contagious, the infection spreads rapidly, especially in this strange weather which is being experienced at this time. The death record for the past will not show the low figures maintained for the past few months, grip being largely responsible for the increase.

## CORONER'S COURT ONE SAFEGUARD

In Remarkable Address to Medical Students Dr. Taylor Touches on Recent Cases.

### SOME DEFECTS OF WOMEN

Men Are Mentally, Morally and Physically Superior, and Even More Beautiful.

The eternal feminine, the subject of one of Coroner William H. Taylor's rare and inimitable lectures, which always elicit so much enthusiasm and discussion, did not fall last night to draw more than the usual crowd of students and laymen to the Medical College of Virginia. Despite the fact that many things were said by the recognized sage of the country hereabouts which differed from the views of his youthful and ardent hearers, such a subject as the speaker selected could not fail to hold the attention of an audience.

### Man More Beautiful.

Physically, said Dr. Taylor, woman is a sad spectacle on account of certain defects with which the layman never perhaps becomes acquainted. With marvelous ingenuity, however, she has overcome these by the adoption of a dress which makes her more beautiful, and man is satisfied with her wiles, which have transformed an appalling apparition into a vision of grace and loveliness. As a matter of fact, the result of calm and unbiased judgment and investigation is that woman is anything but beautiful. She is rather a freak being built on the most forbidding plan and specification.

There is, he said, no immutable standard, and he added that he is by no means a connoisseur. Still he insisted that man is more beautiful than woman, judged by true standards.

Passing from the physical defects of woman, mentioning her kindness and gentleness, her passion, fickleness and vindictiveness, Dr. Taylor came next to the most important part of his lecture, namely, her moral defects.

"Her super-sensitive virtue, alarmed without just cause, or a morbid yearning to display it, her selfish fear of her malice, may bring forth a groundless accusation which may be fatal to her victim or impress a stain that vindicated innocence itself cannot entirely efface," the speaker declared. "Circumstances may render make it impossible to disprove the charge, and there are always but a few unwilling to believe it. Indeed, shocking as it is to the plainest promptings of humanity and justice, our very courts sometimes render the hand that could obliterate the blot and thus, in a sense, fix it indelibly on the memory of the outraged dead. Sad illustrations of all this have many times been seen, and some of them in Richmond."

"While the state's tribunals are thus cruel, there is a chance for some redress in the humble court of the coroner. This court is, in fact, the only one where the whole truth, and the exact truth, is allowed to show itself, for its inquiries are conducted in accordance with the methods of common sense, and not under the heavy burden of the absurdly fiscal procedures and obstructive practices by which other courts suffer themselves to be hampered and hampered. Unfortunately, however, the inquest must be held so soon after the tragedy that many of the most illuminating facts have not then come to light."

### As to Marriage.

As to marriage, Dr. Taylor was inclined to attribute his lack of experience to the fact that he is in no wise attractive to the fair sex, and on account of his inexperience he held to the conclusion that all women but no men should marry.

Heroism, he asserted, is no small part of woman's make-up, and the American product compares most favorably with the heroine of ancient times. The difference arises from different climes he thus describes: "The Northern mother girded her proud bosom for victory; the Southern mother garbed her child for sacrifice."

The advanced woman, he said, has so she thinks "message" to deliver to an unregimented world, and her tongue or pen, which resolves itself into a dabbling in the affairs of men and a screeching on the public platform, which is a most objectionable spectacle.

### Not Malevolently.

In taking leave of his subject, in justice to himself, Dr. Taylor explained that he has not the least animosity against women, but he believed that he had said, while it has been devoid of any approach to fanatical admiration, has always been kind and considerate.

Though the frankness of his discourse had caused him to give voice to certain remarks which were, at the least, not complimentary nothing was said malevolently.

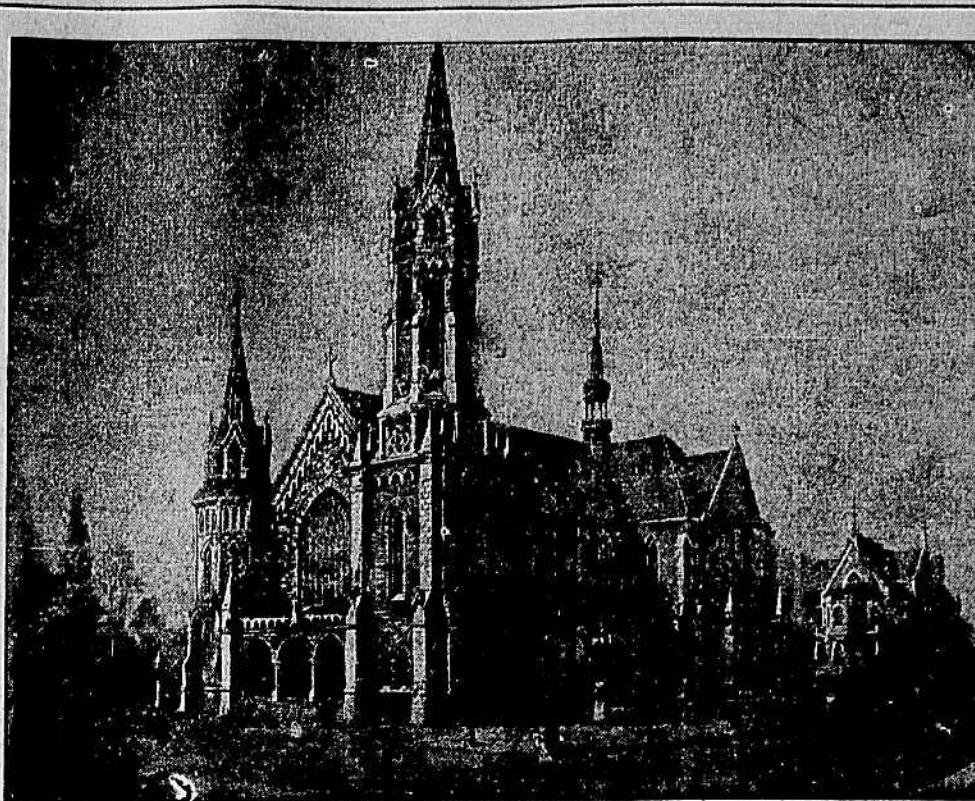
"It must not be supposed," he continued, "that my criticism of woman implies a commendation by contrast. Man, far from it. I am too well aware that the character of our own sex will not be a shining example to critics thereof."

"In my anatomizing I have felt no less tenderly towards them than my ancient preceptor Brownie, who, feeling towards the 'possums, coons, terrapins and ducks, whose backs he fondly patted while he cut them up."

### Fell From Roof.

Walter Sledge (colored), a laborer, at work on the new power-house of the Passenger and Power Company on West Broad Street, fell from the roof of the building yesterday and was rendered unconscious. Dr. Strole, of the city ambulance force, had him taken to the hospital, where the man soon regained consciousness. Except for a cut on his head he was not severely injured.

## Handsomeness New Church to Be Erected in Far West End



DESIGN FOR NEW CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

Opened about four years ago with only seventeen communicants, the Church of the Holy Comforter will soon be one of the most beautiful and influential in the city. The congregation now numbers about 200 people, and plans have been adopted for a new edifice which will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The old building is crowded to overflowing at every service.

The Sunday school now numbers from 150 to 200 scholars. The church is raising annually about \$5,000.

A fine large pipe organ has recently been purchased by the congregation, and the choir which in the start, was composed of only a few voices, has grown to be one of the largest and best in the city.

When the present structure was found insufficient for the needs of the growing church, and it was decided to

tear down the old building and place another on the same site, the congregation did not hope to be able to raise the necessary amount in so short a time. It is very much elated at the success, and will push the work as fast as possible.

Mr. W. Meade Addison, cashier of the National Bank of Virginia, has been elected treasurer of the building fund. The Rev. John H. Dickinson is rector of the church.

## SALOON-KEEPERS APPLY IN DROVES

Practically Every Dealer in Richmond Wants License to Continue Business.

That the mere increase in the liquor tax from \$250 to \$500 will not force smaller saloon-keepers out of business was made plain yesterday when it was learned that practically every dealer in Richmond has applied for a new license. There are more than 250 bars in the city. Under the Dabney law the number will be reduced to 150, and this rush of applications means that Judge Witt of the Hustings Court, will have difficult work in separating the sheep from the goats. In this undertaking, however, he will have the aid of the Police Commissioner and will give preference to those dealers who have endeavored to conduct decent establishments and establishments against which little complaint has been made.

### Gets Many Letters.

Judge Witt wants it understood that letters in the interest of one saloon dealer or another will have no effect. He will not be influenced by communications, and though he has stated repeatedly that they will have no influence upon him the writers are still at work. They are wasting time and postage.

Under a special ordinance the Jefferson Hotel will be able to secure a license shall be granted where a show is conducted in the same building. The auditorium of the Jefferson is not a mere concert hall, however, and to prevent discrimination the ordinance was amended so that a leader in the city would not be deprived of the right of supplying its guests with liquid refreshment.

### LECTURED BY COURT

Distributed Indecent Literature Among Pupils of Private School.

Holland French and Earl Lutz were in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of distributing obscene literature on the streets. They were dismissed with a warning when it was shown that they were not the principals in the case.

The testimony brought out the fact that pamphlets of the most indecent character were being sold to the boys of one of the exclusive private schools in the city, and that the police had recovered several of these papers from pupils. As the mere possession of such literature is the violation of a State law, further arrests may be expected.

### NEEDS MAYOR'S APPROVAL

City Attorney Says He Must Sign Ordinance as to Electrolights.

Clerk Ben T. August, of City Council, sent Mayor McGuffey yesterday afternoon a resolution, or ordinance, relating to the question of preventing electrolights by the rail bonding system. The measure was raised by a committee of the compromise measure that it did not require the Mayor's approval. Mr. August, however, consulted City Attorney Bell, and was informed that the measure needed the Mayor's signature to make it legal. In the event that he refuses to approve it, Council can still pass it over his veto, if there is a sufficient number of votes. As heretofore shown, the two branches were opposed to the double overhead trolley system as a means of protecting the water mains from electrolytic damage.

### CASE SENT ON

Wife Has Husband Arrested for Alleged Cruelty.

Charles M. Harris was arraigned before Magistrate James T. Lewis yesterday at Henric Courthouse, on a warrant sworn out by his wife, charging him with extreme cruelty and with making threats to kill her on many occasions. Mrs. Harris was represented by Commonwealth's Attorney James Gunn, and her husband by Attorney Julian Russell. The case was sent to the grand jury, which will convene next April, and Mr. Harris placed under a bond of \$500 to keep the peace in the meantime.

### To Speak at Lee Camp.

Hon. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, will deliver an address before Lee Camp to-night at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Army of Northern Virginia Under Joe Johnston." The public is invited.

## GOVERNOR GIVES MIDGET A CHANCE

Grants Respite to Alexandria Negro, Who Is Under Death Sentence.

Governor Swanson yesterday granted a respite to George Midgets, alias William Johnson, the negro who was sentenced to hang to-day in Alexandria for the alleged murder of a policeman. The respite is until February 14th, and it is understood that in the meantime the prisoner's counsel will present a petition praying that the sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Grave doubts as to identity of the man are expressed in certain quarters, and there are those who believe that the negro who committed the crime is still at large.

### Dinner to Speaker.

A most enjoyable dinner was given by Governor Swanson at the Mansion last night in honor of Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd, about thirty guests, mostly Senators and Delegates, being at the table. The affair was entirely private, and only those were present who had been especially invited. The Governor will give a series of such dinners during the session until he shall have entertained all the members. Invitations have already been issued to the second dinner, which will take place on the evening of January 21st.

### Commission Working.

The State Corporation Commission held another session yesterday and heard further testimony regarding the proposed amendments to the present demurrage and car service rules. The commission has cited the Southern and Adams Express Companies to appear on January 27th to show cause why they should not be fined for charging higher rates than those prescribed by a recent schedule fixed by the commission. The appointment of former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague as a State proxy in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad case was announced yesterday by the Corporation Commission. Mr. Montague's commission has been made out, and it is understood that he will accept and will qualify at once.

### FELL FROM TRAIN

Man Badly Injured Is Brought to This City.

After having fallen from a Chesapeake and Ohio freight train, on which he was stealing a ride, Louis Cammer, a white man, was brought to Richmond yesterday in an unconscious condition and taken to the City Home. Dr. Strole, of the ambulance force, said that the man's skull was apparently not fractured, although there had evidently been severe concussion of the brain.

### Dental Society Meets.

An interesting meeting of the Richmond Dental Society was held in the Travellers Protective Association building. Dr. J. W. Green, of Chillicothe, Mo., conducted a clinic upon an important subject, which was attended by a great interest by those present. No business was transacted, and the meeting was a regular monthly meeting.

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## SQUANDERING MONEY ON DISPENSARIES

President of Board of Health So Refers to Policy Adopted by Chief Health Officer.

### DR. LEVY EXPLAINS MATTER

Session of League of Municipalities Comes to Close—Next Meeting in Portsmouth.

Discussing "Good City Government From a Physiological and Sanitarian Standpoint" before the Virginia League of Municipalities yesterday morning, Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer, president of the Board of Health of Richmond, confined his remarks in a great measure to the subject of smallpox.

"In these civilized times," he declared, "no man, if he takes the proper precautions, need have any fear of the disease. Should people persist in rejecting the protection afforded by the health laws of the State, he continued, they should be declared criminals, and after they have been cured at the expense of the Commonwealth, they should be imprisoned for the violation of the statutes. They should be heavily fined, and, in default of the amount required by law in such cases, should be made to work it out on the rock pile."

### Opposed to Dispensaries.

Dr. Oppenheimer favors neither compulsory vaccination nor quarantine but thinks that a definite and stringent law on the subject would be far better as a cure and a preventive. The speaker also touched on the subject of tuberculosis. In this connection, and regarding the public free dispensary recently established by the Mayor, he expressed himself as being opposed to the belief that they lead to pauperism and to the squandering of the public money.

Preceding Dr. Oppenheimer, Mayor McCarthy made an address on "The Best Method of Keeping Tax Accounts," describing the system of Portsmouth in this city and in other cities, and showing how by very little trouble or expense it can be improved. Regarding this question and others which have been discussed by the Mayor, the main point made by the Mayor was the necessity of placing city government on a sound business basis.

### Other Addresses.

The remainder of the day's program was as follows:

"Government by Commission," Hon. E. M. Jacobs, president of Council, city of Richmond, Va.; "Observation on Government by Mayor and Council," Hon. J. Davis Reed, Mayor of Portsmouth, Va.; "Keeping Council Records," Mr. Ben T. August, city clerk, Richmond, Va.; "Best Method of Keeping Accounts in City Treasurers and Tax Collectors," Hon. J. H. Dickinson, City Clerk and Auditor, Danville, Va. Miscellaneous discussion, members of the league.

### Officers Elected.

It was decided to hold next year's session in Portsmouth, and Mr. Samuel Montague, auditor of that city, arose at the close of the meeting and extended in the name of Portsmouth a cordial welcome, assuring the delegates of every courtesy and attention. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Joel H. Cutchin, Mayor of Danville.

Second Vice-President, W. H. Laodis, Mayor of Staunton.

Secretary and Treasurer, S. R. Buxton, Mayor of Newport News.

What Dr. Levy Says.

Speaking of the work of the public dispensary for the treatment of tuberculosis patients, Dr. E. C. Levy, chief health officer of Richmond, said last night that the dispensary is generally recognized as the best place to move in a concerted attack on the deadly white plague, that the people are here localized and that the treatment necessarily requires a special diet of eggs and milk as the only suitable diet. This free distribution of eggs and milk is a very commendable move in a concerted attack on the deadly white plague, that the people are here localized and that the treatment necessarily requires a special diet of eggs and milk as the only suitable diet. This free distribution of eggs and milk is a very commendable move in a concerted attack on the deadly white plague, that the people are here localized and that the treatment necessarily requires a special diet of eggs and milk as the only suitable diet.

Dr. Upshur Not Sick. In connection with the hearing of the Mendrix case in the Police Court on Wednesday the statement made that Dr. John M. Upshur, one of the chief witnesses, was absent on account of sickness, was incorrect. Dr. Upshur was present, and the illness of a patient, whom he could not leave even to attend court, The Mendrix case will be called again shortly.

### FIREFWORKS CAUSED 9 FIRES; RATS, 19

Property Valued at Nearly Million and Half Dollars Destroyed in Nine Months.

State Insurance Commissioner Joseph Button has issued his first annual report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1907, covering the business of 1906. The report is in two parts, the first containing 316 pages and dealing altogether with fire and marine insurance companies. Part second contains 533 pages, and is devoted to life, accident and miscellaneous companies. The report is addressed to the State Corporation Commission, and printed copies have been placed on the desks of the members of the Legislature.

### Some Statistics.

The following statistics concerning fires reported for the year are contained in the book: Total number of fires reported from August 1, 1906, to April 30, 1907, 1,038; value of property involved, \$7,886,052; amount of loss, \$1,483,636.48; amount of insurance, \$5,202,235.50.

Description of Buildings—Brick or stone, 214; frame, 829; occupied, 890; vacant, 88; outdoors, 152. Causes of Fires—Unknown, 293; incendiary, 101; lightning, 17; ashes, 6; burning chimney, 6; burning trash, 4; carelessness, adults, 22; carelessness, children, 8; carelessness, workmen, 11; carelessness, matches, 34; defective flues, 148; electricity, 10; entertainments, 1; explosions, 38; fireworks, 9; friction, 4; gas, 12; gasoline, 6; kerosene, 21; rats and mice, 19; sparks, 118; stoves and pipes, 85; spontaneous combustion, 10; miscellaneous, 102.

Argument in Ragland Case. In the Ragland case, Dr. Ragland against the case of Public Safety Fund was argued at a late hour being adjourned until Monday, when Messrs. Nelson and Nelson will present the Ragland side.

Union League Club Takes Part of Socialist Organizers Who Were Arrested.

At its meeting on Wednesday night the Union League Club passed resolutions condemning as unjust and unlawful the action of the Police Department in arresting Joseph P. Campbell and his associates at Sixth and Broad Streets, and also the sentence the men received in the Police Court. Campbell and Frank P. Young were two organizers of the Socialist-Labor party, who were arrested on Saturday night for speaking on the street, creating a riot and refusing to move after being told to do so. They were fined \$20 each, which they declined to pay, and were sent to jail.

CONDEMNNS ACTION OF POLICE AND JUSTICE